

13. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may, (of right) have the same divided into as many questions as parts.

14. All questions shall be determined by the majority of the members present, and whenever the speaker (on a division if called for) shall declare any question in the affirmative or negative, such declaration shall decide the majority, unless the yeas and nays be called for, in which case the question shall be determined as the majority shall appear on the journal.

15. Every bill brought in by a member, or received from the senate, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the perusal of the members, unless on very urgent occasions the house shall, by especial order, dispense with this rule, which order shall be entered on the journal.

16. Conferrees, and members appointed on draughts, if required by a member, shall be elected by ballot, and the number shall in no case exceed seven.

17. No bill or resolve shall have a second reading until every member in the city be called upon to attend, except he be excused by the house for indisposition, or necessary attendance on the public business.

18. No petition, memorial, or other application to the house, shall be received, unless presented by a member.

19. On an election to any office of trust or profit, no ballot shall be counted, unless the person for whom the ballot shall be given be named to the house before the balloting be gone into.

20. All questions of order shall be declared by the speaker.

21. No motion shall be made after the hour of adjournment, without leave of the house.

22. All misdemeanors which shall happen in the house, shall be censured or fined by the house.

23. No member shall answer on the yeas and nays who did not divide on the question, and if any member divides on one side, and on the yeas and nays answers on the other, it shall be so noted on the journal.

24. All fines imposed by the house, shall be paid to the clerk, and applied as the house shall direct.

25. The substance of all petitions, memorials, or other applications to the house, shall be entered on the journal.

26. The clerk of the house shall, on the first day of every session, put into the hands of the speaker a correct list of every matter referred from the preceding session.

27. On motion or debate, any member may call for the reading any law, journal, record, or other public proceeding, which may relate to the subject matter.

28. No member shall take out of the house any bill, or other paper belonging to the house, without leave of the speaker, under the penalty of such fine as shall be imposed by the speaker, not exceeding forty shillings.

29. No member shall nominate more than one person on any committee.

30. That all the members present shall divide on every question, unless excused by the house, or on calling of the yeas and nays his refusal shall be noted on the journal, at the request of any member.

31. When the house adjourns, every member shall keep his place until the speaker go forth.

32. Whenever a motion shall be made, or question propounded to the house, and not seconded, no other business shall be received until the speaker shall inform the house that the motion or proposition first made is not seconded.

A memorial from William A. Washington, praying that the committee appointed at last session to settle his claim against the state may be invested with power to compel the attendance of witnesses, and send for books, records and papers, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn inform the reverend Mr. Higinbotham, that the house request he will perform divine service at the meeting of the house.

A petition from Margaret Maxwell, of Kent county, praying to be released from a claim of the state against her late husband, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Wilmer and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Dorsey, of John, of Frederick county, praying an act to be released from debts which he is unable to pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sappington, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Duvall, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Plater, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Simon Wickes, of Kent county, praying compensation for a crop of wheat growing on land purchased of the state, which was claimed and taken by the tenant in possession, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Hutchings and Mr. Douglass, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the Printer of the state strike one hundred copies of the act of congress, entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, for the use of the members of the legislature.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, November 8, 1792.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Jesse Tomlinson, a delegate returned for Allegany county, and Mr. Henry Hollingsworth, a delegate returned for Cecil county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed